

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS IN THE CASE

The following listing of Claims replaces all prior versions.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of tracking user progress in a software application, said method comprising:

    a monitor program accessing a first program call from said software application, said first program call providing a first content descriptor and a request to start measuring;

    said monitor program incrementing a usage measure until receiving a second program call from said software application requesting to stop said measuring;

    storing said usage measure and said first content descriptor, wherein said user progress is measured by said monitor program as directed by said software application;

    said monitor program accessing a third program call from said software application, said third program call providing a second content descriptor and a provided measure of user progress; and

    storing said provided measure of user progress and said second content descriptor, wherein said software application provides said provided measure of user progress.

22. (New) A method as recited in Claim 21, wherein said first and second content descriptors identify information selected from a group consisting of levels of a game, segments in an electronic document, and web pages.

23. (New) A method as recited in Claim 21 wherein said provided measure of user progress describes percent usage of content identified by said second content descriptor.

24. (New) A method as described in Claim 21, further comprising:  
associating a unique identifier with said software application that  
identifies a program version.

25. (New) A method of tracking user interaction with portions of a software application, said method comprising:  
accessing a first program call comprising a first descriptor identifying a first portion of the software application and a request to measure usage of said first portion;  
determining a first usage value for said first portion of content in response to said first program call;  
accessing a second program call comprising a second descriptor identifying a second portion of the software application and a request to measure usage of said second portion;

determining a second usage value for said second portion of content in response to said second program call; and

storing said first usage value and said second usage value associated respectively with said first descriptor and said second descriptor, wherein said first usage value and said second usage value define said user interaction with said first and second portions of said software application.

26. (New) A method as described in Claim 25, further comprising:

accessing a third program call comprising a third descriptor identifying a third portion of the calling program and a third usage value for said third portion; and

storing said third usage value corresponding to said third descriptor.

27. (New) A method as described in Claim 26, wherein said third usage value is percent utilization of said third portion.

28. (New) A method as described in Claim 26, wherein said third descriptor identifies a level of a game.

29. (New) A method as described in Claim 26, wherein said third descriptor identifies a segment in an electronic document.

30. (New) A method as described in Claim 25, wherein said first and second descriptors identify levels of a game.

31. (New) A method as described in Claim 25, wherein said first and second descriptors identify segments in an electronic document.

32. (New) A method as described in Claim 25, further comprising:  
transferring said first and second usage values to a repository; and  
tabulating and reporting said first and second usage values.

33. (New) A method as described in Claim 25, further comprising:  
associating a unique identifier with said software application that  
identifies a program version.

34. (New) A method of tracking user progress in a software application executing on an electronic device, said method comprising:  
an operating system running on said electronic device accessing a program call from said software application, said program call comprising a content descriptor and one of a request to start measuring and a measure of user progress in said software application;  
if said program call contains said request to measure user progress:

said operating system incrementing a usage measure  
    until receiving a program call requesting to stop said  
    measuring;

    said operating system storing on said electronic device  
    said usage measure and said content descriptor, wherein said  
    user progress in said software application is measured by said  
    operating system as directed by said software application;  
    if said program call contains said measure of user progress:  
        said operating system storing on said electronic device  
        said measure of user progress and said content descriptor,  
        wherein said user progress in said software application is  
        provided by said software application.

35. (New) A method as recited in Claim 34 wherein said measure of user progress describes percent usage of content identified by said content descriptor.

36. (New) A method as described in Claim 35, wherein said content descriptor identifies a level of a game.

37. (New) A method as described in Claim 35, wherein said content descriptor identifies a segment in an electronic document.